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Former Corrections Officer Pleads Guilty to Bribery Charge, Admits Receiving More Than \$1,700 to Bring Contraband Into Jail - Defendant Was Caught With Concealed Items Last Fall -

WASHINGTON - Ryan Motley, 23, a former District of Columbia correctional officer, pled guilty today to charges of bribery and bringing unlawful contraband into the District of Columbia jail, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced.

Motley, who resides in Maryland, pled guilty in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. The Honorable Florence Pan scheduled sentencing for September 16, 2011. The defendant faces up to 12 years in prison. Under the District of Columbia's voluntary sentencing guidelines, he likely will receive a sentence of up to three years.

At today's plea hearing, Motley admitted that while he was on duty between August of 2010 and November 23, 2010, he had conversations with inmates in which he agreed to bring contraband, including marijuana and cellular telephones, into the jail in return for money. During that time period, he brought at least 10 cellular telephones into the jail for delivery to inmates. On at least six separate occasions, Motley brought marijuana into the jail for delivery to inmates.

Motley acknowledged that he received about \$1,700 to \$1,800 in return for bringing contraband into the jail.

On November 11, 2010, Motley drove to the Anacostia Metro station to meet with an associate of an inmate. He accepted a package from the associate, which contained marijuana and cellular telephones and chargers. The associate gave Motley about \$800 to \$900 in return for having Motley bring the contraband contained within the package into the jail.

Less than two weeks later - on November 23, 2010 – Motley brought two cellular telephones and two cellular telephone chargers into the jail with the intent to give these items to inmates. The items came from the package that he received on November 11, 2010. A correctional officer at the staff entrance discovered the items concealed in Motley's protective vest. Later that day, law enforcement officers searched Motley's residence and discovered approximately 78 grams of marijuana in the defendant's bedroom. The marijuana was part of the package of contraband that Motley had received on November 11, 2010.

In announcing the guilty plea, U.S. Attorney Machen praised the investigative work of Metropolitan Police Department Detective Seth Holmes; Department of Corrections Internal Investigators Ben Collins, Darnell Dupar, and Wanda Patten, and Department of Corrections Officer Tokitha Green. He also commended the work of Assistant U.S. Attorney Anthony Saler, who prosecuted the case.

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